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TO :   
Office of General Counsel

DATE: 20 MAR 1961

FROM : Director of Security

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendment to 18 U.S.C. 873

1. We have reviewed the proposed amendment forwarded with your transmittal slip dated 13 March 1961 and believe that we should encourage the passage of this amendment.

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2. The specific case to which the Department refers was the  case. It would have been helpful to have had this proposed legislation in effect at that time. I do not feel that it is necessary to cite additional specific cases to the Department to support the legislation, but I do feel that we can and should point out to them that we are frequently faced with disclosure threats by persons desiring to save their jobs or obtain other benefits from us. We have not bowed to such threats, but this legislation would give us an additional psychological weapon.

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~~Sheriff~~ Edwards